



To: CSBG Eligible Entities
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Beginning October 1, 2021 the following IHCD guidance is in effect

CSBG Income Eligibility Returns to 125% FPL on October 1, 2021

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was signed into law and provided \$1 billion in supplemental funds to the national CSBG network of community action agencies and state administrative offices. Indiana received about \$14.5 million of those funds, to be used through September 30, 2022.

The CARES Act included the following language: “...**for services furnished under such Act during fiscal years 2020 and 2021, States may apply the last sentence of section 673(2) of such Act by substituting “200 percent” for “125 percent.”** IHCD took this opportunity to raise the income eligibility to 200% FPL.

That language has been interpreted by national partners to mean that the increase is applicable to both CARES Act and regular CSBG funds spent during FY2020 and FY2021. In other words, the increase to income eligibility ends October 1, 2021, which is the start of federal fiscal year 2022.

This means that for any income verification or re-certification that a CAA does for CSBG-funded services, **starting October 1, 2021 that CAA may only deem individuals or households eligible for services if they have an income at or below 125% FPL.** This impacts all active CSBG awards, including the following:

- CS-021-xxx
- CS-CV-020-xxx

Any CSBG grants to be awarded from this point moving forward, including discretionary awards to support direct programs or services, will be subject to this updated income eligibility criteria. The only exceptions are CS-020-xxx awards, which end September 30, 2021.

IHCD continues not to have a state-required process for verifying income, nor is there a requirement for how often an individual or household receiving services needs to be re-certified.

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